

## PORT ARTHUR

**AGAIN UNDER FIRE—JAPS HAVE PLENTY OF POWDER TO BURN.**

**For Eight Hours They Batter Away at the Russian Forts—Facts Based Upon Supposition—A Russian Torpedo Boat Foundered.**

Port Arthur, March 10.—The Japanese fleet appeared off this harbor at midnight and bombarded the city intermittently until 8 o'clock this morning. The land batteries opened fire on the Japanese fleet.

St. Petersburg, March 10.—The only piece of important news up to this hour today from the seat of war was the Associated Press despatch from Port Arthur announcing a fresh attack by the Japanese fleet. The despatch contained no details. Another telegram to the Associated Press from Vladivostok has been received. It makes no mention of fighting and it is assumed that all is quiet there. Reports that Japanese have entered Manchuria west of the Yalu river and have reached Feng Huan Cheng, on the Pekin road, which is the Russian line of communication to the Yalu, cannot be confirmed. If the information proves true the land engagement of some magnitude cannot long be delayed, as the Russians have a heavy force south of the line between Liaoning and Mukden, and they also are occupying strong positions along the Yalu. The Japanese column between them would be in desperate straits unless it moved by flank to take the Russians on the Yalu in the rear and was energetically supported by a forward Japanese movement from Korea.

Tokio, March 10.—Vice Admiral Kusunoki, reporting the bombardment of Vladivostok on March 6, says the attack commenced at ten minutes of two in the afternoon and firing was kept up forty minutes. He believes the bombardment was effective and demoralizing to the enemy. The Russian forts did not reply to the Japanese fire.

"As per arrangement we reached the east entrance to Vladivostok on frozen sea. The enemy's ships were not seen outside of the harbor and we approached the batteries on the northeast coast from a point beyond the range of batteries on Balzan promontory and Bosphorus strait. After bombarding the inner harbor for forty minutes we retired. I believe the bombardment effected considerable damage. Soldiers were seen, but the land batteries did not reply to our fire. Black smoke was observed at the east entrance to the harbor about 5 o'clock p. m., and it was thought to be from the enemy's ships, but this smoke gradually disappeared.

"On the morning of the 7th we reconnoitered American bay and St. Relok bay but saw nothing unusual. We approached the east entrance at Vladivostok at noon. The enemy's ships were not visible and the batter-

ies did not fire. We returned toward Posid bay, but not seeing the enemy we retired."

Canea, Island of Crete, March 10.—A Russian transport from Port Said has arrived here. The crew say a Russian torpedo boat was lost while on her way to this port. The crew of the torpedo boat were rescued by the transport.

Paris, March 10.—It is officially confirmed that the Russian minister at Peking has made firm representations to the Chinese government concerning the activity of Chinese troops along the Manchurian frontier, with pointed intimation of defensive measures Russia may be compelled to adopt.

### FROM ADDINGTON.

The Republicans met Tuesday night, the 8th instant, and organized a club naming it the "M. A. Hanna Republican club." We understand they had 22 members present, with more to hear from. Officers were elected as follows: S. H. Withers, president; C. S. Cannady, vice-president; J. W. McKinney, secretary; J. A. Brown, treasurer; Dr. C. E. Elder, R. McKinney, J. Thompson, executive committee; R. McKinney, delegate to the Pauls Valley convention. It is understood that the Democrats will soon organize a club. It is not the intention of either party to make an effort to draw political lines at the municipal election, but only to be ready for the fray when we get statehood, and there is something to scrap over. However, the Republican and Democratic of Addington vie with each other in trying to build up the town, and neither party can or will lay claim to any credit as a party, for what they do in the way of advancing the interests of the place. All are loyal to the town and to each other as citizens, and each can see the others are gentlemen.

We are going to have a newspaper. A Mr. Carley from Oklahoma City is going to start a paper. He expects to be able to get out his first issue next week. The name of it is not known. Addington has occasion to rejoice, for a town without a newspaper is in hard luck. It is to be hoped the people will give Mr. Carley hearty support and that his hope of success may be fully realized.

The school board, after the death of Prof. Savage, made a contract with Rev. J. A. Baird, pastor of the M. E. Church, and Miss Alice Addington, daughter of former Mayor Addington, to finish the school term, and they reopened the school last Monday morning with bright prospects.

Five carloads of stock, implements, household goods and feed arrived today from Nebraska. These people have leased land joining Addington on the east and will do farming on a large scale. This land is being taken up by a good class of farmers, and it makes the future look very bright.

Farmers are rushing their spring work and crops are being put in fast. Prospects are very flattering for a good year.

Anything that is worth learning is worth learning well, and the best should not be too good for any of us. Bliss book-keeping. Benn Pitman shorthand. 8-5.

## FRANK FORE

**WORKED AS DEPUTY MARSHAL OUT OF ARDMORE.**

**Shot Down in Ft. Worth Hotel During Cattlemen's Convention—Engaged in Some Important Detective Work—Incident in Detail.**

The Ardmoreite published yesterday a special from Fort Worth concerning the shooting of Frank Fore in that city, and from the Telegram we take the following account giving the incident in detail:

About 9 o'clock this morning Frank Fore, aged 50 years, was shot twice, and in a few moments later Jim Miller walked into the court house and calling Deputy Sheriff Ralph Purvis, called, surrendered to him.

The whole thing was done so quickly that it is hard to tell just exactly what happened. Those who were in the vicinity of the shooting knew nothing of the impending tragedy, and were aware that had blood existed only when the shots were fired. The shooting occurred in the toilet room of the Delaware hotel.

Two shots were fired. One entered Fore's left breast, just below the nipple, and the other passed through the left hand. The wound in the hand was inflicted as Fore threw up his arm to shield his face from the second shot. Fore fell back to the floor, his left hand lying wounded by his side and his right arm doubled under his body. As he fell his pistol fell to the floor, but whether it dropped from his pocket or he and it in his hand at the time could not be stated by any one who was present at the time.

As soon as the shooting was over, Miller walked out of the hotel and there was a report that he got aboard a northbound street car. Whether he did this or not cannot be said, but a few moments later he stepped to the door of the sheriff's office, and beckoning to Deputy Sheriff Ralph Purvis, called him outside and handing him his pistol, said:

"Kid, come here. I'm your prisoner. I just killed Frank Fore down here."

Mr. Fore was staying at the hotel, and with his wife occupied rooms on the first floor. Mrs. Fore was notified at once and went to her husband's side.

After the shooting Miller went to the sheriff's office and gave himself up. He was then taken before Judge Rowland, where he waived an examining trial and entered bail in the sum of \$2,000. Two visiting cattlemen, one from Taylor and one from Haskell county, were sureties on the bond.

Miller for a long time lived in this city, for several years having been proprietor of the Old Exchange stable at Weatherford and Rusk streets, and was at one time reputed to be quite wealthy. In his statement before the

justice he said he himself had once qualified before Judge Rowland in the sum of \$20,000, but was unable to do so at present. After his former residence in this city Miller is said to have gone to West Texas and to have acquired some land there, returning to this city several weeks ago. His residence in this city cannot be located and is not mentioned on the ball papers furnished for his appearance.

After Frank Fore had recovered from the shock incident to the shooting the wound was probed. It was found that the course of the bullet was about an inch below the heart, downward, and then straight out through the back. The bullet passed out of the body. At 3 o'clock this afternoon he was in a precarious condition.

Frank Fore was formerly a deputy United States marshal in the Indian Territory. He worked for a time out of Paris courts, and later at Ardmore. Four years ago he retired from that service. Recently he has been engaged in an investigation of the deed forgeries which were told of in the newspapers. It will be remembered that persons forged a deed to the Burford farm, and obtaining in this way a fee simple title, secured a loan of \$6,000 on the property. Mr. Fore was employed to work up the case and for several days the Telegram has been anticipating arrests in connection with that investigation, but the matter had not come to a head and no proceedings had been taken in the matter. Mr. Fore makes his home at Duncan, I. T., but while working on this case has been in this city. It is understood that five or six persons are involved in the testimony which he has gathered in this case and that the work was about to a point where arrests would follow.

### FULL PEACH CROP.

**Expert Says Damage From Freeze Is Insignificant.**

J. A. Taylor of Wynnewood, I. T., one of the most successful horticulturists in the Southwest, was in the city yesterday en route to attend a meeting of the Truck Growers' association at Edmond, Okla. Asked concerning the horticultural outlook in this region, Mr. Taylor said:

"The planting has been very heavy and there will be a large average this season. The peaches that were in bloom, killed by the recent freeze, but there will be plenty of bloom yet for a full crop. The Japanese plums however were badly hurt by the freeze."

"If the peach crop is as good here this year as we have reason to anticipate it will be," continued Mr. Taylor, "I expect to cross the big pond, visiting Liverpool, London and Glasgow, and arrangements for regular shipments of peaches to those points. Shipments which we made last year indicate that a fine foreign business can be built up in this line of fruit."

"A shipment which I made to Liverpool from Oklahoma City last year reached destination in thirteen days, while a shipment made from the same point of origin required fourteen days to reach Cincinnati, O."—Oklahoman.

### TISHOMINGO REPUBLICANS.

**Elect Delegates to Pauls Valley and Pass Resolutions.**

The Tishomingo News gives the following account of the recent meeting of the Republican club in that town:

The Tishomingo Republican club held its regular meeting Saturday night. We are informed that about 150 members were in attendance. The chief purpose of the meeting was to elect delegates to the Chickasaw Republican convention which convenes at Pauls Valley on the 12th instant. This club is entitled to ten delegates.

Resolution passed that delegates go unimpaired.

The following is the delegation elected: B. H. Colbert, Cornelius Hardy, Wm. T. Ward, Z. T. Burton, G. Nichols, W. A. Borah, A. Gullett, Jno. A. Shannon, Jas. H. Bridges, Dr. L. C. King.

The committee on resolutions reported a resolution endorsing the present national administration.

The following resolutions were introduced and adopted unanimously by a rising vote:

"Whereas, certain charges have been filed with the department of justice against Hon. B. H. Colbert, United States marshal for the Southern district of the Indian Territory, by certain persons who are thereby seeking to secure his removal from office by the president, and we believe that said charges are not founded in fact and are not made in the interest of the public service, but have been introduced with the design of effecting his removal for selfish motives and to attain certain political ends; therefore, be it

"Resolved by the Tishomingo Republican club, first, that we have the fullest faith and confidence in the honor and integrity of Marshal Colbert as a civilian and as a public officer, and that we unqualifiedly endorse his administration as marshal of the Southern district of the Indian Territory, and we respectfully request that he be retained in office and the charges pending against him be dismissed, as they tend to hamper him in the discharge of his official duties; second, that a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the president and to the attorney-general."

### NAME A TICKET.

**Durant Republican Club Puts Out Candidates.**

Durant, I. T., Mar. 10.—The Durant Republican club in regular session last night named the following ticket to pit against the nominees of the Democratic party in the municipal election in April:

Mayor, A. L. Severance.  
Police judge, C. T. Hale.  
Chief of police, H. J. Robinson.  
City attorney, Robert Crockett.  
Night Police, Eugene Wiley.  
Tax assessor and collector, S. A. Hotchkiss.  
City clerk, S. I. Watson.  
City treasurer, E. F. Rines.  
Aldermen, B. C. Birchfield, J. S. Atkins, Jno. Huber, C. L. Jones, Clarence Walden, Joe Woods, E. K. Spiker, Patterson, A. Parker, Geo. Price, Dr. J. E. Park and J. L. Skinner.

## PAY OR MOVE

**INSTRUCTED TO REMOVE FARMERS FROM CHOCTAW NATION.**

**Failed to Pay Permit Tax—Order Comes at the Request of the Governor—Declares Intruders Are Disabling Element.**

Muskogee, March 10.—Yesterday the Indian agent received an order from the secretary of the interior to proceed at once to remove twenty-five white farmers from the Choctaw Nation on the legal ground that they failed to pay the tax that is due the Choctaw tribe.

There is a Choctaw law that any white farmer who comes into the Choctaw Nation and works a farm shall pay to the tribal fund a permit tax of \$5 per year. If they fail to do so they may be removed from the nation and the territory. These twenty-five have not paid.

Some time ago the governor of the nation filed complaint against them and alleged that they were a disturbing element and a detriment to the nation and asked the aid of the government in removing them. The matter was laid before the department with the result stated.

These farmers are located in a group just across the Arkansas line in the territory and most of them are Arkansas farmers who have slipped over the line. If they own town lots in any of the towns, which is not likely, they cannot be removed. It is also probably that when they find that it is a case of pay or move, they will pay the five dollars. The Indian agent will instruct his Indian police to take the matter in hand at once and collect the money or put the parties out. If the governor insists that they are objectionable citizens, it is likely the money will not be accepted when tendered.

There was a similar case in the Choctaw Nation several months ago and 274 farmers were ordered removed. Most of them paid up and were allowed to remain.

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